

The quantum of exports of Assam tea however would be difficult to determine as in most cases tea goes out in blended form,

Modernisation of Tea Auction Centre, Guwahati

6058. SHRI PROBIN DEKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tea marketed through Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati during 1991-92;

(b) the quantity of tea marketed through other agencies outside the Assam during the above period;

(c) whether there is any scheme to modernise the Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati to attract more business; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total quantity of tea marketed through Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati during April, '91 to February, '92 is estimated at 135.95 Million kgs.

(b) The quantity of total tea marketed through other agencies outside Assam during the period from April, 1991 to February, 1992 is estimated at 335.83 million kgs.

(c) and (d). No scheme of modernisation of Tea Auction Centre at Guwahati has been received either from Guwahati Tea Auction Committee or any Tea association.

Grants-In-Aid to Institutions to Promote Studies and Research in Law

6059. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to promote studies and research in law, some institutions are being provided grants/in aid by the Department of Legal Affairs;

(b) if so, the names of such institutions and the criteria for the same;

(c) whether the Government propose to relax the existing criteria to cover more institutions in future, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian Law Institute, the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies and the International Law Association (Regional Branch-India) are receiving regular annual grants-in-aid from the Department of Legal Affairs. The criteria for the sanctioning of grants-in-aid by Government Departments, as laid down in the General Financial Rules, 1963, are also applicable to these institutions.

(c) and (d). The existing criteria do not limit the number of institutions to which grants-in-aid could be given by the Government. Every request is considered on merits.

Recommendations of National Transport Policy Committee.

6060. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by National Transport Policy Committee.

tee for declaration of National Highways in various States; and

(b) the steps taken to implement those recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A statement

is attached.

(b) Eleven routes aggregating to 3,595 Kms have been included in the National Highway grid out of the thirty-seven routes recommended by the National Transport Policy Committee. The remaining routes could be considered for inclusion in the N.H. grid in the 8th Five Year Plan and in succeeding plans depending on the availability of funds for the purpose.

STATEMENT

<i>Sl. No.</i>	<i>Region and Route</i>	<i>Route length (Km)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
	Northern Region	
1.	Pilibhist Hardwar-Paonta-Nahan-Ambala	475
2.	Pathankot-Mandi	220
3.	Ambala-Laithal-Hissar-Biramsar	410
4.	Chandigarh-Bhatinda	225
5.	Palwal-Rewari-Hissar	251
	Central Region	
6.	Ghaziabad-Meerut-Hardwar	190
7.	Gwalior-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Rewa	460
8.	Nagpur-Obaidullaganj (to Bhopal	350
9.	Jabalpur-Shahdol-Ambikapur-Gumla	520
10.	Gorakhpur-Nautanwa	84
11.	Raipur-Varanasi	620
	Eastern Region	
12.	Lateral road (Bareilly-Amingaon) including Darbhanga-Forbesganj lik	1050

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13.	Ghazipur-Ballia-Chhapra-Hajipur	210
14.	Kharagpur-Balasore	125
15.	Berhampur-Raipur	550
16.	Mokameh-Farakka	310
17.	Asansol-Kharagpur	180
18.	Arrah-Buxar	80
19.	Patna-Muzaffarpur-Sonbarsa	160
20.	Kora-Katihar-Harischandarpur-Farakka	95
	North Eastern Region	
21.	Imphal-Silchar-Badarpur	300
22.	Silchar-Aizawal-Lunglei	400
23.	Link to Itanagar	25
24.	North Trunk Road (gauhati-Passighat-Tezu-Saikhoaghat)	625
25.	Paikan-Tura-Dalu	150
	Western Region	
26.	Ajmer-Bikaner	290
27.	Kolhapur-Ratnagiri	130
28.	Beawar-Sirohi-Radhanpur (to Kandla)	450
29.	Boroda (Vadodra-Dhulie-Sholapur	760
30.	Ahmedabad-Indore-Dewas-bhopal	510
31.	Jaipur-Kota-Biaora (to Bhopal)	450

Sl. No.	Region and Route	Route length (Km)
1	2	3
	Southern Region	
32.	Cochin-Madurai	280
33.	Karwar-Hubli-Gooty-Nellore	790
34.	Karwar-Mysore-Calicut (Kozhikode)	360
35.	Rajahmundry-Jagadalpur	460
36.	Nizambad-Jagadalpur	460
37.	Vijayawada-Machilipatnam,	70
Total:		12955 Km

Jute Mills in NE Region

6061. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of jute mills in the North-Eastern region and the number of workers employed therein, State-wise;

(b) whether the raw materials locally available are sufficient to run these units;

(c) whether all these units are facing crisis;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

(e) whether there is any plan to set up new jute mill in that region; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Two jute mills are located in the North Eastern region of our country. The mill located in Tripura employs 1734 workers

and the mill located in Assam employs 4850 workers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The problems faced these mills include shrinkage in market due to competition from lower priced synthetic substitutes, low productivity, wide fluctuations in prices, lack of adequate and timely modernisation etc.

(e) and (f). According to the new Industrial Policy, no license is required to set up jute mills in any part of the country including the North Eastern region.

Construction of Bridge on Teesta River

6962. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of a bridge over Teesta river on National Highway No. 31-A in Sikkim has been considerably delayed; and